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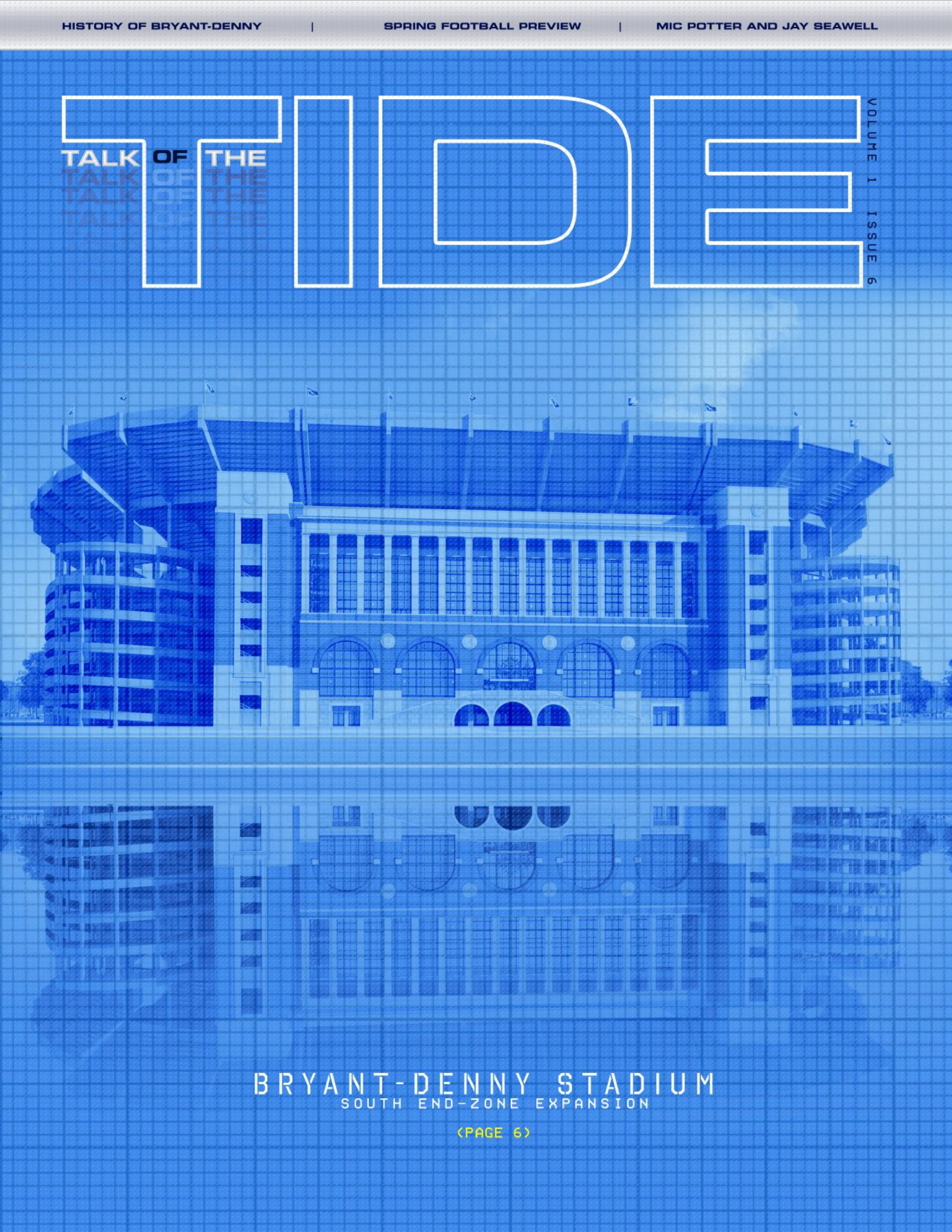

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FROM THE DESK OF MAL MOORE

The month of February has been a busy one for our athletic department as we began the search for a new basketball coach, concluded another superb football recruiting season, and started our spring sports. Our gymnastics, men's and women's golf teams, baseball, and men's and women's tennis teams have all earned national rankings.

Of course, the other big news was the approval for the expansion of Bryant-Denny Stadium, which will increase our capacity to more than 100,000 while making the south end, in essence, a mirror image of the north side. From an aesthetics standpoint, few venues will match our stadium. Also, it is a tribute to our fans who support our program that we are able to undergo this expansion during troubled economic times. The demand for tickets, as well as record enrollments and the need for student seating, make this project worthwhile and a go.

As far as the basketball coaching search, we feel extremely confident that we will be able to hire a candidate who will elevate our program back to the top tier in the Southeastern Conference. From the outset of the process, I've stated our expressed goal has been to hire the best individual for our University and we feel we will do just that.

Also, I want to congratulate our softball team, under the leadership of Patrick Murphy, for earning the No. 1 ranking in the nation. Although we are early in our season, the 2009 team has the talent and the coaching to hold on to that ranking and compete for another trip to the College World Series.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join some former Crimson Tide stars and me on the 2009 Cruisin' with the Tide voyage. This eight-day cruise – June 20-28, 2009 – sets sail from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and visits San Juan, St. Thomas, Antigua, Tortola, and Nassau.

This year, I am pleased to announce that we have a few of our favorite Crimson Tide Legends joining me aboard the Carnival Freedom. Bob Baumhower, sponsor and founder of Cruisin' with the Tide, Barry Krauss, Dwight Stephenson, and Johnny Musso have each accepted my invitation.

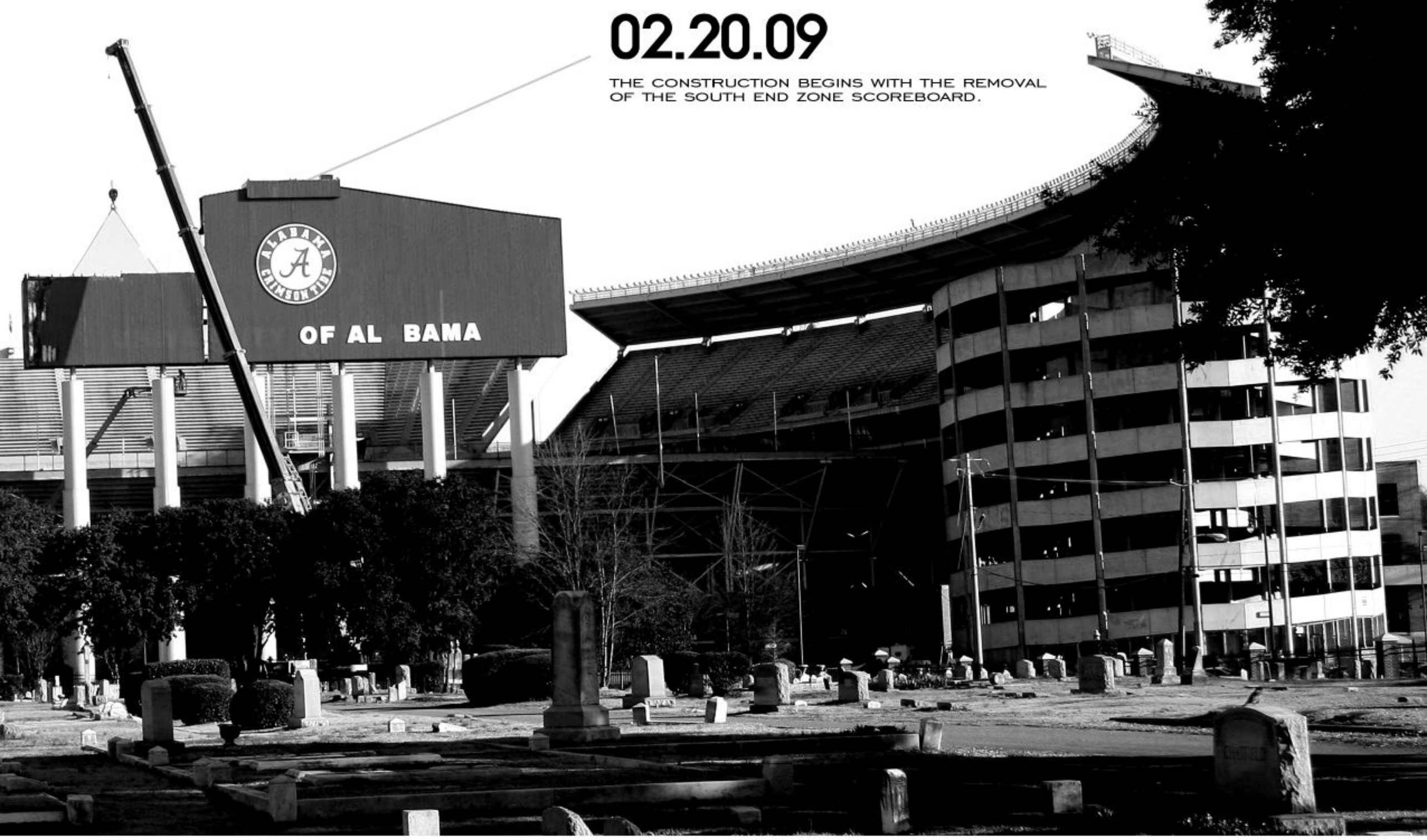
While we look forward to the fun times we'll have on the Freedom, more importantly, the profits we generate from this cruise go to our Crimson Tide Foundation. Our goal is to endow a Cruisin' with the Tide football scholarship. This program is designed for our supporters to have a wonderful experience while helping the University reach its endowment goals.

Please mark your calendar to join Bob, Barry, Dwight, Johnny, and me aboard the Carnival Freedom June 20-28, 2009. Please call Total Sports Travel at 888-367-8781 to reserve your cabin or for any questions that you may have.

Let me say again how much I appreciate you and your continued support of the Crimson Tide Foundation and the Crimson Tide.

Kindest regards,

Mal Moore
Director of Athletics



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THE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE SOUTH END ZONE SCOREBOARD.

NEWS

FROM THE MAL M. MOORE ATHLETIC COMPLEX

TRACK AND FIELD

CALVIN SMITH SELECTED TO TOP TEN DRAKE RELAYS ATHLETES OF THE CENTURY

Former Alabama track and field sprinter Calvin Smith has been named as one of the Top 10 Drake Relays Athletes of the Century.

Smith is one of the finest 100 and 200-meter competitors in history. Smith captured five individual Drake Relay titles. He won the university/college 100m dash in 1982, while anchoring Alabama to victories in the 4x100m and 4x400m relays. He was named the Outstanding Performer of the 1983 Drake Relays after setting a university/college record in the 100m dash while running on Alabama's 4x100m and sprint medley relays, which set meet records.

He ran the 200m leg on the sprint medley relay which set a national collegiate and American record of 3:12.19. He captured the invitational 100m and 200m dashes in 1985. Smith was inducted into the 1988 Drake Relays Hall of Fame. He set a world record in the 100m dash (9.93) in 1983 and was a two-time world champion in the 200m dash (1983, 1987). Smith won a gold medal in the 1984 Olympics running on the 4x100m relay team and captured a bronze medal in the 100m dash at the 1988 Olympics.

SOFTBALL

SOFTBALL AIMS FOR ALL-TIME ATTENDANCE RECORD IN 2009

Prior to the 2008 season, the Alabama softball program became the first in NCAA history to achieve a season ticket sell-out before the opening game. Duplicating the achievement this year, 1,608 season tickets were sold, keeping the streak alive and creating the second consecutive season ticket sell-out.

Alabama topped the nation in attendance for the 2008 season, with more than 51,000 fans attending games on the Tuscaloosa campus. The Crimson Tide led the nation in average attendance and total attendance in the NCAA for the 2008 season, and the fan base that has now been dubbed "The Best Softball Fans in the Country".

The expressed goal for the 2009 season is to draw 56,000 fans to the softball complex and set the national record held by Fresno State. In 1999, the Bulldogs drew 55,746 fans.

"We have some great teams coming to play at the Capstone to start off the March schedule," said Patrick Murphy, head softball coach. "Starting off the season with the expanded hillside seating and plaza; the challenge of hosting Washington, Baylor and Georgia in the same weekend and the excitement of our existing fan base will make for a great weekend of softball."

Join the Tide and their efforts to claim a record-breaking season this spring at the Alabama softball complex. A schedule of March and April games is included on page 19.

BASEBALL

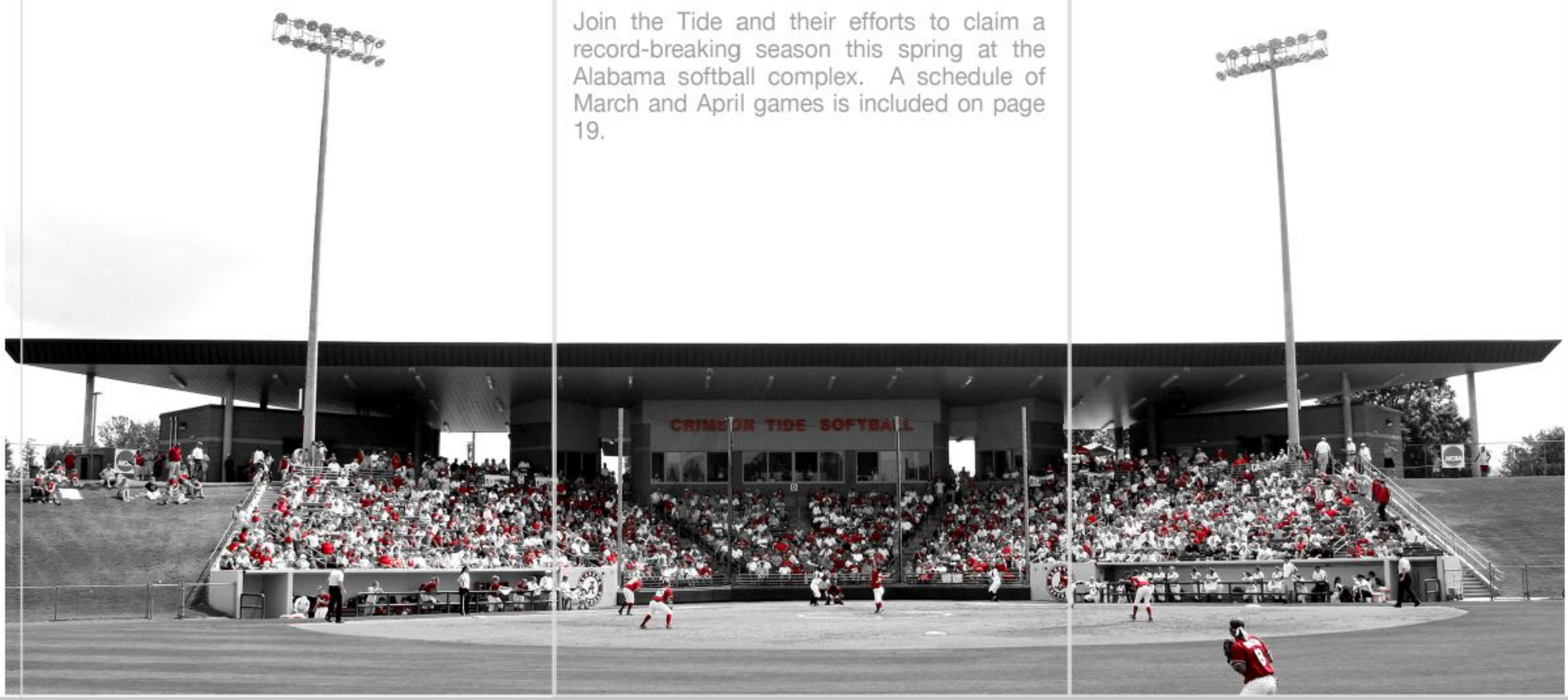
JIM WELLS INDUCTED IN ALABAMA BASEBALL COACHES HALL OF FAME

Head baseball coach Jim Wells has been inducted into the Alabama Baseball Coaches Association (AlaBCA) Hall of Fame at the 2009 AlaBCA Annual Meeting and Coaching Clinic in Birmingham in January 2009. Wells also received the ALABCA Division I Coach of the Year Award after leading the Crimson Tide to a 35-28 record and the school's 19th NCAA Regional appearance last season. He was also the organization's Coach of the Year in 1997, 1999, 2002 and 2006.

"This is a tremendous honor for me," Wells said. "To me, it's more about the players, coaches and people associated with your program. I am humbled by this honor and very appreciative."

Alabama has made three College World Series (1996, 1997 and 1999) appearances, won two SEC (1996 and 2006) championships and seven SEC Tournament (1995, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2002 and 2003) titles. The Crimson Tide has also played in 11 NCAA Regionals - winning four - and two NCAA Super Regionals.

The AlaBCA Hall of Fame is the second honor for the Crimson Tide head coach. He was inducted into the Northwestern State Hall of Fame in 2004 and his jersey No. 17 was also retired by his alma mater.



ACADEMICS

45 STUDENT ATHLETES NAMED TO SEC ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

A total of 45 University of Alabama student-athletes, representing football, soccer and volleyball, were named to the 2008 Southeastern Conference Fall Academic Honor Roll.

Coach Nick Saban's football team had 22 players earn the conference honor. The complete list of football players includes: Evan Cardwell (Management), Drew Davis (Consumer Sciences), P.J. Fitzgerald (Management), Terry Grant (Human Development), Bobby Greenwood (Management), Charlie Higgenbotham, (Interdisciplinary Studies), Rashad Johnson (Criminal Justice), Charlie Kirschman (Management), and Rolando McClain (Consumer Sciences), Greg McElroy (Marketing), Will Oakley (Marketing), Colin Peek (Finance), Taylor Pharr (Public Relations), Chris Rogers (Consumer Sciences), Ali Sharrief (General Studies), Drew Bullard (Mechanical Engineering), Drew Cummings (Pre-Major Studies), Justen Santana (Finance), Brian Selman (Management), Sam Snider (Pre-Business), Leigh Tiffin (Management) and Jacob Vane (Consumer Sciences).

Coach Judy Green's volleyball team had eight Academic Honor Roll selections, which equaled the most of any team in the SEC this past season, tying with Arkansas. The volleyball list includes Mary Catherine Aune (Advertising), Lindsey Buteyn (Advertising), Calli Johnson (Psychology), Lauren Martin (Interdisciplinary Studies), Alyssa Meuth (Human Environmental Sciences), Amy Pauly (Public Relations), Liz Salstrand (Public Relations) and Jennifer Weber (Management and Marketing).

The women's soccer team had 15 members of the Academic Honor Roll under first-year head coach Todd Bramble. The honorees were Alexandra Butera (Telecommunications), Kailey Corken (Spanish), Jessica Deegan (Computer Engineering), Victoria Frederick (Pre-Dental), Kara Gudmens (Human Development and Family Studies), Hailey Hull (Food and Nutrition), Cara Kelly (Advertising), and Kelsey King (Chemical and Biological Engineering), Karen Lansden (Commerce and Business), Elizabeth Grace Lawson (Public Relations), Carly Mygrants (Public Relations), Callie Pike (Exercise Science), Colleen Posey (Human Development and Family Studies), Brooke Rogers (Commerce and Business) and Ashley Scheidt (Health Care Management).

DEPARTMENT

+ADDITIONS

NAME	AREA	POSITION
Jerome Dotson	Facilities	Athletics Facilities Assistant
Harold Sexton	Event Technology	Director, Event Technology
Sal Sunseri	Football	Assistant Coach
Chris Wiggins	Event Technology	Audio Visual Technician Senior
Michael Williams	Event Technology	Audio Visual Technician Senior
James Willis	Football	Assistant Coach

FOOTBALL

DERRICK THOMAS ELECTED TO THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

Alabama All-American Derrick Thomas has been elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, becoming the seventh former Crimson Tide star to be enshrined into the National Football League's elite group of players and executives.

Thomas joins former UA greats Don Hutson (Green Bay, 1963), Bart Starr (Green Bay, 1977), Joe Namath (New York Jets, 1985), John Hannah (New England, 1991), Dwight Stephenson (Miami Dolphins, 1998) and Ozzie Newsome (Cleveland Browns, 1999) in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Hutson was a member of the inaugural Hall of Fame Class in 1963.

Alabama is fourth in college football history with seven Pro Football Hall of Fame selections, trailing Southern California (11), Notre Dame (10) and Michigan (8) on the all-time list.

THE EXPANSION OF BRYANT-DENNY

COMING FALL 2010

The University of Alabama System Board of Trustees recently approved a plan for expansion of Bryant-Denny Stadium's South End Zone with construction expected to begin very soon.

The project was approved after more than a year of discussions between Director of Athletics Mal Moore, UA President Dr. Robert E. Witt, Vice-President for Financial Affairs Dr. Lynda Gilbert and the UA System Board of Trustees. Moore formally requested Board of Trustees approval for a plan for expansion of Bryant-Denny Stadium's South End Zone on February 6, and the Board swiftly approved the project, which will add more than 9,000 seats and 36 skyboxes to raise the stadium's capacity to approximately 101,000.

"This is yet another strong signal to our fans, boosters and the Board of Trustees that we are confident in the future of Alabama athletics and the football program in particular," said Moore. "Interest in our football program is at an all-time high, as reflected in the enormous demand for season tickets and skyboxes. Our waiting list for football tickets is over 10,000. This project also will help support the Tuscaloosa economy now and in the future."

The stadium expansion project is expected to cost approximately $80.6 million and will include preservation of the existing structure and enhancements that will improve the game-day experience for all fans. The project also will include new offices for the Crimson Tide Foundation, a food market & merchandise store on street level, and two new video boards on the corners of the upper deck to replace the current south end zone scoreboard.

Construction is expected to be completed for the start of the 2010 football season. Davis Architects of Birmingham, Ala., in consultation with HOK Sport Architects of Kansas City, Mo., will coordinate design of the project.

Plans have not been finalized for ticket distribution in the new South End Zone addition, but all groups will be notified when a comprehensive plan is finalized. Additional South End Zone upper deck seating will be dedicated to accommodate UA students, faculty/staff, TIDE

SOUTH END ZONE EXPANSION

"We have received pledges for 25 of the 36 skyboxes to date, signed pledges that have made a very sizeable gift in order to get on the list for a skybox," Moore said. "We're proud of the support that our alumni and our fans have given throughout the years, but this is one thing that says we need to enlarge the stadium because of the demand we are receiving from fans, visitors, and people that have supported us through the years."

"We need more seats for our students. The President has grown the University. We've broken enrollment records for five straight years. There's more demand, more need for student tickets, so this is another reason why we need to build this stadium."

Moore also noted the positive impact on the local economy, with the project creating much-needed jobs at a time of economic difficulties.

"The economic impact of Alabama football on the economy in this area is over $15 million for the Tuscaloosa area, Tuscaloosa/Northport, the county of Tuscaloosa," Moore said. "Each game that is played here generates over $15 million in tax revenue and money spent in this area. This will increase by adding the south end zone, approximately $1.5 million to that total.

"So the timing of building this, I think, will make a difference in the economy here in this area with jobs that are desperately needed. This is a good time to build this stadium simply because of the need for work. We'll have several companies that will bid and make a run at this job. It's a good time for us and it's a good time for us to support the economy."

TIDEBITS

BASEBALL

- Alabama sophomore second baseman Ross Wilson has been named to the 2009 Baseball America Preseason All-American Team. He hit .295 with 15 home runs and 47 RBI last season as a true freshman. The 15 home runs tied the Alabama freshman single-season record. Ross was also named to the 2008 NCAA Conway Regional All-Tournament Team, after swatting three home runs in three games for the Tide.

JOSH RUTLEDGE

- Alabama put four players on the 2009 SEBaseball.com Preseason All-SEC Team. Sophomore shortstop Josh Rutledge and Wilson were first-team All-SEC selections, while senior right fielder Kent Matthes and junior infielder/outfielder Brandon May were second-team All-SEC picks.

- Alabama was also rated the top power unit in the SEC this season by SEBaseball.com. The Crimson Tide hit 83 home runs last season and returns seven starters off that unit.

- Rutledge was also named to the College Baseball Insider preseason Honorable Mention All-American Team. A 2008 Freshman All-American and All-SEC selection, Rutledge was tabbed as one of the SEC's best pure hitters and base runners by the publication.

BASKETBALL

- Alonzo Gee was named the Southeastern Conference men's basketball player of the week in the third week of February. The senior averaged 22.5 points and 8.5 rebounds for the week, and surpassed the 1,500 career-point mark. The Player of the Week honor is the first for Gee and the first for a Crimson Tide player since Richard Hendrix earned the award in November 2007.

FOOTBALL

- The University of Alabama will hold its annual A-Day Game to conclude spring football practice on Saturday, April 18 at Bryant-Denny Stadium. Admission will again be free to the public and kickoff is tentatively set for 2:00 p.m. The Crimson Tide football team is tentatively scheduled to hold the first spring practice of 2009 on March 23.

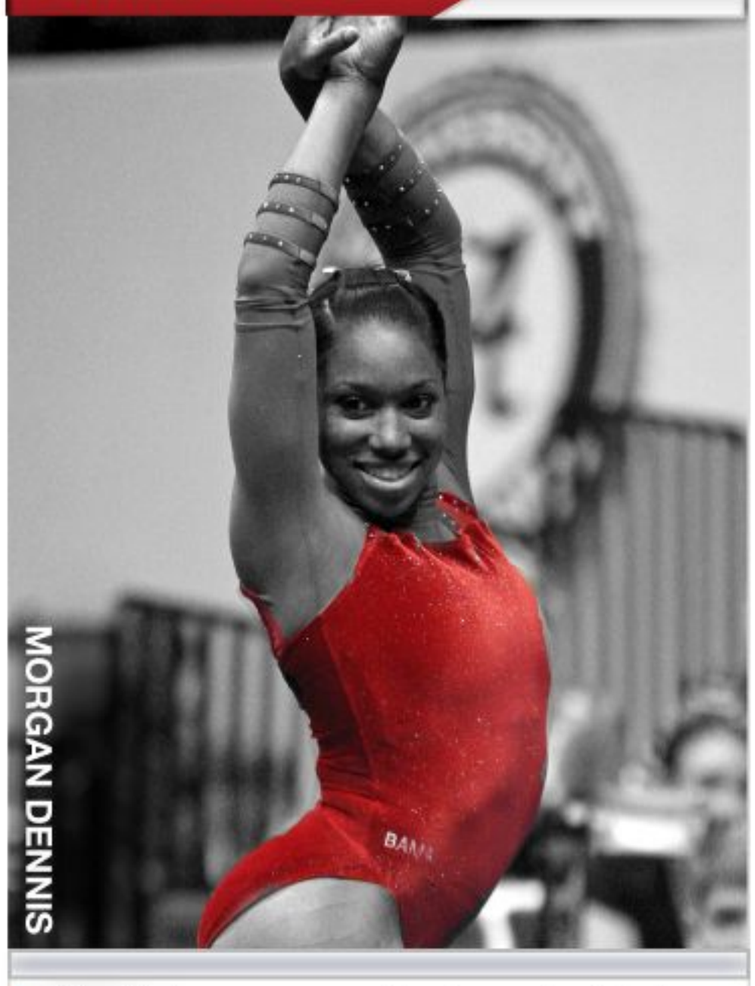
- Over the last two seasons, Alabama leads the country in spring game attendance with a combined total of 170,338. UA set a college football record in the spring of 2007 as a capacity crowd of 92,138 watched head coach Nick Saban's first A-Day at Bryant-Denny Stadium. Last year's attendance of 78,200 led the SEC and was the second-largest in the country.

GOLF (M)

- University of Alabama golfers Matthew Swan and Bud Cauley were named to the 2009 watch list for The Ben Hogan Award, which goes to the top player in college golf, the Golf Coaches Association of America announced in February.

The Ben Hogan Award is one of the most prestigious awards in men's college golf. It is presented annually to the top men's NCAA Division I, II or III, NAIA or NJCAA college golfer taking into account all collegiate and amateur competitions during a 12-month period.

GYMNASTICS


MORGAN DENNIS

- The Alabama gymnastics team beat Auburn on the last Friday of February with a season-high score of a 197.350. The score is the third highest mark in the nation so far this season and the Crimson Tide's highest score since posting a 197.375 against Auburn in March, 2007. The night was also Alabama's fifth annual "Power of Pink" meet which raises awareness in the fight against breast cancer and the fourth year in a row that gymnastics has sold out this event. It also marked the 97th time in a row that the Tide has beaten its in-state rival, a streak that spans 30 years. Junior Morgan Dennis led Alabama with a career-best 39.725 in the all-around.

SOCCER

- Head soccer coach Todd Bramble announced that 10 student-athletes have signed national letters of intent to play soccer for the Crimson Tide. The class is the first true signing class for Coach Bramble as he enters his second year at the helm of the Tide soccer program. The class includes student-athletes that hail from seven different states including two from California and two from Tennessee. The signees also hail from the states of Colorado, Michigan, North Carolina, Alabama, Texas and Utah.

The signing class includes: Kelsey Breaugh, Michigan; Kylee Brown, Salt Lake City, Utah; Tia King, Mooresville, North Carolina; Amanda Ortegon, Texas; Megan Petersen, Vista, California; Josie Rix, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Lindsey Sillers, Birmingham, Alabama; Kaitlyn Smith, Franklin, Tennessee; Ashley Willis, Colorado; and Katie Woolbright, Santa Margarita, California.

ROWING

- Alabama opens its spring season March 14 at the Clemson University Regatta and opens its home slate March 17 against Kansas State at the Black Warrior River with a 12:00 pm (noon) race. The Crimson Tide will also have one additional home race slated for April 4 against SMU and the University of North Carolina with a 8:30 am start.

SOFTBALL

AMANDA LOCKE

- In her first career home appearance at the BAMA Bash, Amanda Locke hit .556, going 5-for-9 and slugging 1.667. The hot-hitting freshman received the SEC Freshman of the Week honors for her performance at the plate and on the mound. She belted three home runs in three straight games and led Alabama with five RBI on the week. Locke also posted an RBI in every contest on the week and had a multi-hit game in two of the match-ups. In the circle, the newcomer earned a complete game shutout after striking out four and walking none. She also posted a team-leading five runs and sported a .636 on base percentage.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

- The Alabama swimming and diving team broke ten school records during the 2009 Southeastern Conference Swimming and Diving championships - the women's 100 freestyle, 200 butterfly, 200 medley relay, 400 medley relay, and the 200 individual medley - and the men's 100 and 200 backstroke, 500 freestyle, 1000 freestyle, and 800 freestyle relay. On the women's side, 21 swims entered into the top-10 school records list, while on the men's side, 18 swims entered into the top-10 school record list. In the women's meet the Tide took sixth place, its best finish since 2005. The men's team finished in fifth place, which is two spots higher than last season.

- The University of Alabama was rewarded for an outstanding showing in the diving events as the Crimson Tide came away with four conference honors, including the women's and men's SEC Diver of the Year accolades, the women's SEC Freshman Diver of the Year and the women's SEC Diving Coach of the Year. Freshman Carrie Dragland doubled up on the conference hardware when she was named the women's Diver and Freshman Diver of the Year. She won the SEC three-meter title and was second off the platform behind teammate Elizabeth Hughes. Junior Aaron Fleshner, who won the one-meter board and finished third on both the three-meter board and the platform, was named the men's Diver of the Year.

- Pat Greenwell was named the women's SEC Diving Coach of the Year, marking the sixth time he has been named the league's best. His total includes two honors on the women's side (2009 and 2004) and four men's honors (1997, 1995, 1991 and 1990).

TENNIS (W)

- Taylor Lindsey began her dual-match career in the crimson and white with a bang as she was selected Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Week during the first and third week of February. This is her second weekly honor and eighth overall for the Alabama women's tennis program.

TRACK AND FIELD (W)

SARA VAUGHN

- Freshmen Sara Vaughn continued her impressive rookie start at the Capstone by competing at the 2009 USA Junior National Cross Country Championships. Vaughn qualified to represent the United States at the IAAF Junior World Championships in Amman, Jordan as the fifth place finisher. Vaughn covered the 6,000m course with a time of 21:32. Vaughan is the first qualifier for Alabama since the late 90s.

VOLLEYBALL

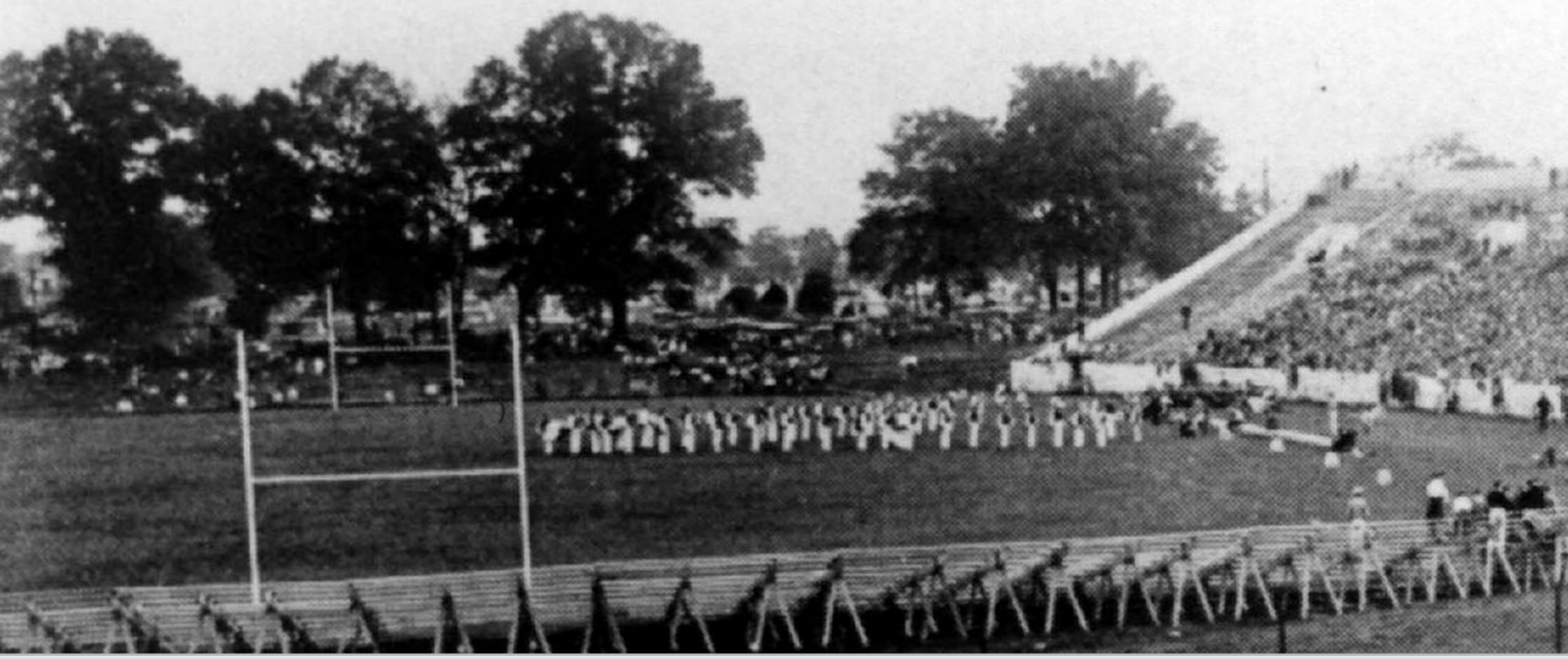
- The volleyball team put forth great effort in the classroom as well as on the court this fall as a total of seven student-athletes earned better than a 3.0 grade point average.

Eight members of the volleyball team were recently recognized by the Southeastern Conference office as Academic Honor Roll selections including Mary Catherine Aune, Lindsey Buteyn, Calli Johnson, Lauren Martin, Alyssa Meuth, Amy Pauly, Liz Salstrand and Jennifer Weber. In addition, freshmen Stephanie Riley and Lauren Wintzinger both earned perfect 4.0 grade point averages following their first semester.

The Crimson Tide has begun spring workouts and will play a handful of matches before the semester is finished including the second-annual SEC Coaches Beach Volleyball Championships on Saturday, April 18 in Siesta Key, Florida.

THE HOUSE THAT CHAMPIONS BUILT

A HISTORY OF BRYANT-DENNY STADIUM



If all schedules are met, the capacity of Bryant-Denny Stadium will rise to more than 100,000 when the latest major renovation of the stadium is finished prior to the 2010 season.

The evolution of Bryant-Denny Stadium has been significant from its origins back in 1929 when 12,000 seats were erected for a Crimson Tide team coached by Wallace Wade that featured an All-American lineman named Fred Sington.

The Tide beat Mississippi College, 55-0, in the first game played at Denny Stadium on September 28, 1929. The stadium was officially dedicated October 5, 1929, when the Tide beat Ole Miss, 22-7.

In the 1930s, during the heart of the Frank Thomas Era, Denny Stadium increased in size to approximately 24,000 in a time that the Crimson Tide featured the legendary Don Hutson.

After Alabama's perfect season in 1945, which included a Rose Bowl win over Southern California, bleachers were added for the 1946 season. A record crowd of 31,000 watched the Harry Gilmer-led Tide beat Southwestern Louisiana, 54-0, on October 12 to dedicate the largest stadium in the state.

When Paul Bryant returned to Alabama in 1958, Denny Stadium had remained untouched, but the legendary coach mapped out details for an additional 12,000 seats and a new press box with an elevator that was completed for the run to the national title in 1961. In the first game with 43,000 seats, the Tide beat North Carolina State, 26-7, October 14.

Noteworthy that autumn afternoon was the fact that the Wolfpack, led by future NFL superstar Roman Gabriel, jumped to a 7-0 lead. It would be the only time Alabama would trail an opponent all year long.

After national titles in 1964-65 and with an increasing demand for tickets, Bryant implemented an expansion of 17,000 seats, upping the capacity to 60,000 in 1966. A 26-0 victory over Clemson, coached by Frank Howard, was the first game in the 60,000-seat Denny Stadium.

During the summer of 1975, Bert Bank, who had matured from a teenage fan to a World War II hero to a state senator, used his political clout to have the stadium re-named Bryant-Denny Stadium and on April 10, 1976, during the annual A-Day game, the official dedication took place.

Bryant-Denny experienced a first on November 17, 1979, when ABC, with Al Michaels calling the play-by-play, aired the first live television game from campus. Other on-campus stadiums had outpaced Alabama in refurbishing and expansions, as the Crimson Tide continued to play most of its key games at legendary Legion Field in Birmingham. That would change dramatically in the 1980s.

After Alabama beat Temple in the final game of the 1986 Tuscaloosa schedule, construction began on the upper deck, new press box, Ivory Club, President's Club and locker rooms.

After playing its entire home schedule at Legion Field in Birmingham in 1987, the Tide returned to a 70,123-seat configuration in 1988. It was also the first season of Tide Pride and in the home opener; Alabama beat Vanderbilt, 44-10, on September 24.

Ten years later, and nearly four years after the planning stages began under Director of Athletics Hootie Ingram in 1994, the east side expansion was completed, upping the capacity to 83,818. Brigham Young served as the opponent on September 5, 1998, in a night game that featured a five-TD effort by Shaun Alexander in Alabama's 38-31 victory.

When the Crimson Tide defeated Hawaii, 25-17, in the 2006 season opener, the north end zone project had been completed and upped the capacity to 92,138, including a spectacular plaza area, a state-of-the-art dressing room, recruiting area, 38 sky boxes and the zone seating area.

Today's structure includes 123 skyboxes as well as a pair of large video scoreboards in the north end zone and wrap-around display boards, situated on the facades of the east and west upper decks. Special rooms for scholarship donors as well as the A-Club are featured sections of the inner area of the East side and were included with the expansion during the 1990s.

The plaza serves as an area for fans to gather year round, especially on game day when they can greet Nick Saban and his Crimson Tide team. It features statues of national championship coaches Wallace Wade, Frank Thomas, Paul Bryant and Gene Stallings as well as commemorative markers for the 12 National Championships, the four Southern Conference Championships squads and the 21 SEC Championship teams.

ROLL CALL

THE FACES OF CRIMSON TIDE STUDENT-ATHLETES

SHELLEY GODWIN

SENIOR – BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Godwin, the lone senior on the women's tennis team, leads by example both on and off the court for the Tide. She is a three-time Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) All-Academic Team member as well as a two-time ITA Scholar Athlete. She's been selected to the Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll three times and was awarded SEC Community Service Team honors in 2008. Godwin is off to a great start in her final season in the crimson and white highlighted by her win in the Flight B Singles Final at the Wilson/ITA Southern Regional Championships. She won a total of five matches in just three days en route to the title. The Birmingham, Alabama native is also a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

ALEX BUTERA

JUNIOR – ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Alex Butera concluded the 2008 season as the anchor to the Crimson Tide defense. In the first year with head coach Todd Bramble at the helm, Butera made a seamless transition from the front line to the center of the Alabama backline. Butera scored four goals in 2007, which was second on the team but was looked upon for her athleticism and size to help lead the defense in 2008. The Orlando, Florida native did not disappoint as she helped Alabama post a school record five straight shutouts. The five shutouts broke a record that stood since 1987. Butera and the Tide defense was even more impressive at home as the 5-7 defender led UA to seven home shutouts in 10 games played at the Alabama Soccer Complex. Alabama earned key conference shutout victories against the likes of South Carolina, Mississippi State and Vanderbilt. Alabama had only posted three total shutouts against SEC opponents since 2004. Butera helped Alabama make its first trip to the SEC Tournament since 2004.

TYSON DAVID

JUNIOR – KITUI, KENYA

Tyson David received the 2008 SEC Cross Country Athlete of the Year honors, finishing second at the SEC championships to earn First Team All-SEC honors, and led the Tide to the SEC title. David put up three top-5 marks within the SEC in three different events this indoor track season. David defended his 2008 SEC title in the 5,000 meters at the SEC indoor championships and ranks first in the SEC with a time of 13:36.76, which also puts him in the top-5 in the nation. He also finished third at the SEC indoor championships in the 3,000 meters with a time of 7:57.07, which moves him into fourth all-time in Alabama school history.

HUNTER HAMRICK

FRESHMAN – MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

Hunter Hamrick has quickly established himself as one of the most consistent golfers for the Crimson Tide halfway through the 2008-09 season. One of Alabama's best ball strikers, the redshirt freshman was one of three Tide golfers to start all five of UA's fall tournaments. Hamrick boasted a 74.0 scoring average at the end of the fall semester and posted his top finish at the 2008 Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate where he fired a 64 in the second round en route to an 11th-place finish at 1-under-par 209. The 64 is the lowest round by any Crimson Tide golfer this season. A three-time Alabama Class 3A state champion, Hamrick skipped his final semester at Montgomery Academy to enroll at the University in January of 2008.

ANGELICA HOWARD

SOPHOMORE – MOBILE, ALABAMA

Angelica Howard heaved a personal-best, NCAA qualifying mark of 50-4 3/4 in the shot put at the LSU Twilight Invitational, almost two full feet further than her previous best. With the throw, Howard took hold of the No. 4 spot in Alabama school history in the event. The new mark also takes her from the ninth to the fourth-best throw in the conference this season.

CAMILLA LENNARTH

SOPHOMORE – STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

Sophomore Camilla Lennarth produced an outstanding fall campaign for the Alabama women's golf team. The Stockholm, Sweden, native led the Crimson Tide in scoring average during the fall schedule at 72.93. Lennarth ranks 23rd nationally in the Golfweek/Sagarin Performance Index and fourth among Southeastern Conference players entering the 2009 spring schedule. Her top finish was a seventh-place showing at the Cougar Classic, where she fired a 4-under-par 212. Lennarth posted two top-10 finishes and four top-15 finishes in five tournaments in the fall of 2008. She was an All-Midwest Regional selection as a freshman in 2007-08.

SAAC UPDATE

STUDENT ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SAAC COMMITTEE

BIANCA SVENSSON

Spring is in the air and so is Crimson Tide Fever! Not only are sports in full gear but so is the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). The SAAC Supports events are under way. A SAAC Supports event is any sports event that the entire SAAC attends, with the goal of creating student-athlete unity. We want to be recognized as an athletic body that not only competes, but also supports each and every student-athlete. I am very excited about our women's tennis designated SAAC Supports event, our tennis match against Auburn in April, and I am hopeful that all of the student-athletes will come out and help us take down the Tigers.

We are also in heavy community service mode right now. From many athletes helping the Humane Society, to female athletes going around to the schools and sharing their experiences with young girls, we are all stepping out into the community to lend a helping hand. Community service is a very big part of what we do. We are very interested in reaching out to those who look up to us and sharing our stories with them and encouraging them in the never-ending battles of the real world.

One event that SAAC recently sponsored was a free bowling night. We encouraged athletes of all sports to come out and wear something from their hometown, in an effort to get to know one another better. Everyone had a great time and we all enjoyed seeing where others athletes were from, and how they represented their hometowns. Another big project that we are developing is a website for juniors, seniors, and those who have just graduated, that will help them in their first big job search outside of the athletic community here at Alabama. I am looking forward to seeing this program develop and using it to help me find a job that suits me best.

We are excited to see what this spring holds for us athletically, and as a service organization.

Roll Tide!

Bianca Svensson
2008-2009 SAAC Committee
Women's Tennis Student-Athlete

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The SEC sponsors Community Service Teams for all 20 league sponsored sports. The Community Service Team looks to highlight an athlete from each school who gives back to his community in superior service efforts. The 2009 Alabama Men's Swimming and Diving Community Service Team follows:

Kevin Greer has worked tirelessly in the community throughout his Alabama career, as an active part of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, he has helped lead the Crimson Tide's community outreach efforts on a department-wide basis. He also played a role in the Tide's Together We CAN Drive food drive, the Easter Seals Walk. He helped coordinate the Crimson Tide's Halloween Extravaganza for children of the Tuscaloosa community, as well as the department's Project AngelTree participation and the swim team's Laps for CF efforts. Kevin Greer holds a 4.0 grade point average for his collegiate career and will graduate with honors in May with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Psychology with a minor in Mathematics and will attend the University of Alabama School of Medicine starting this fall. A three-time Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll honoree, he has also twice earned the Crimson Tide's Bob Dimick Most Scholastic Award. He was named the 2008 Outstanding Organic Chemistry Undergraduate and has been inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa, Golden Key, NSCS, Phi Eta Sigma, and Sigma Alpha Lambda Honor Societies. He was named to the 2008 Southeastern Conference Community Service Team and was a 2008 Senior National Qualifier and turned in Alabama's top 50 freestyle time as a junior.

KEVIN GREER

An active part of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee **Allyson Angle** has worked tirelessly in the University and Tuscaloosa community to make a difference. She was part of the Tide's Together We CAN Drive food drive, the Easter Seals Walk and was a big part of the the Crimson Tide's Halloween Extravaganza for children of the Tuscaloosa community. She also helped make the athletic department's Project AngelTree participation a success. She and her Crimson Tide teammates have also worked to take Alabama's Laps for CF event to ever greater heights. A two-year member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll, Allyson Angle has earned Dean's List (3.5 or higher GPA) honors every semester of her Alabama career and carries a 3.8 grade point average in public relations. She ranks fourth all-time for Alabama in the 100 backstroke and fifth all-time in the 200 backstroke.

ALLYSON ANGLE

FULL SPEED AHEAD

2009 Spring Football Preview

It seems like the turnaround football season of 2008 was only a few weeks ago, but with March coming up on the calendar it is time to shift the focus to spring football at Alabama. The fourth quarter off-season conditioning program is underway as the Crimson Tide look to improve physically before stepping back onto the practice field. Spring drills begin on Friday, March 13th and conclude with the A-Day Game on Saturday, April 18th. A-Day has become a huge event at the University of Alabama with crowds of 92,000 and 78,000 the last two years – a total of 170,000 that is the best two-year total in the country. The passion and pride shown by Alabama fans by those spring attendance numbers were a big key according to head coach Nick Saban in helping the staff put together back-to-back signing classes ranked No. 1 by Rivals.com.

Not only is there a great deal of interest in spring football at a tradition-rich school like Alabama by the fans and alumni, but it is also very important to players looking to establish themselves in front of the coaching staff as reliable contributors for the 2009 season. Competition will be intense across the board on both sides of the ball as players aim to show why they belong on the field. The Crimson Tide return 13 of 22 position starters from last year's 12-2 SEC West Championship team. Only Florida State and Miami played more true freshmen than Alabama last season and many of the second-year players from that talented 2008 recruiting class hope to take advantage of their first spring in Tuscaloosa with a strong showing in March and April.

The Tide must replace seven starters on the offensive side of the ball and many of those seniors were three and four-year starters who really proved their worth in terms of leadership in 2008. Alabama's all-time leading passer, John Parker Wilson, graduated after three seasons as the top signal caller. Junior Greg McElroy backed Wilson up a year ago and will open the spring as the most experienced at the position. Wilson was a very durable performer so McElroy threw just 11 passes, completing eight for 123 yards with one touchdown in six games played last season. Star Jackson and Thomas Darrah were behind Wilson and McElroy, but have yet to attempt a pass in collegiate action.

The offensive line loses three outstanding performers in All-Americans Antoine Caldwell (center) and Andre Smith (tackle) as well as two-year starter Marlon Davis (guard). Not only was Caldwell as four-year starter, but he was also a two-time team captain. Smith won the Outland Trophy as the nation's top lineman and was a three-year starter at the all-important left tackle position. Mike Johnson, a second team All-SEC selection, returns as a senior after starting at left guard last year as does Drew Davis at right tackle. Johnson started at left tackle in the Sugar Bowl while Davis started all 14 games in 2008. With just two starters back, the offensive line will be a big focus this spring.

In addition to quarterback and offensive line, tight ends Travis McCall and Nick Walker must be replaced. McCall and Walker both started last year as UA utilized both on most regular downs. Walker was second on the team with 32 catches as a senior while McCall was one of four players to earn a Senior Bowl invite. Brad Smelley saw some playing time as a true frosh in 2008 as did Chris Underwood. Colin Peek, who had a strong A-Day showing a year ago, is now available after sitting out the season following his transfer from Georgia Tech.

Running back joins tight end as another position of interest as Glen Coffee opted for the NFL Draft a year early after rushing for 1,383 yards and 10 touchdowns. Mark Ingram had a solid freshman campaign, rushing for 728 yard and 12 scores in his first year in Tuscaloosa. Roy Upchurch was a threat both rushing (350 yards and four TDs) and receiving (101 yards) despite being slowed by a neck injury late in the year. He will be held out of contact at the start of spring practice. Terry Grant was fourth on the rushing list last season and also contributed on special teams.

At wide receiver, Julio Jones made an immediate impact in 2008 as he was named the SEC Freshman of the Year after leading the team with 924 yards on 58 catches. Jones made every Freshman All-America team in his rookie year and had his two best games against top competition - at LSU (126 yards) and vs. Florida (124 yards) in the SEC Championship Game. Mike McCoy started alongside Jones and was third on the team with 16 catches for 191 yards and one touchdown. Also back at receiver is sophomore speedster Marquis Maze, who totaled 11 receptions for 137 yards and two touchdowns in his rookie year.

The Alabama defense will have a few more familiar faces back with nine starters returning from a unit that ranked No. 3 nationally in total defense. The two starters lost were big pieces to that success, however, as both were two-year starters. Safety Rashad Johnson and defensive end Bobby Greenwood graduated after outstanding Alabama careers. Johnson was a two-time team captain along with Caldwell and also earned All-America honors in 2008 after leading the team in interceptions for the second straight season. Greenwood led the team with 5.0 sacks last year and started every game at defensive end.

On the defensive line, All-America noseguard Terrence Cody returns after starting 12 games in the middle and solidifying a tough Tide rush defense. Defensive end Brandon Deaderick will be a senior in 2009 as well and started all 14 games last season with 4.0 sacks and 5.5 tackles for loss. Josh Chapman and Marcell Dareus saw significant playing time at noseguard last season with Cody. At end, Lorenzo Washington and Luther Davis played in all 14 games and had 2.5 tackles for loss apiece.

A question mark entering the 2008 season, the linebackers evolved into a team strength. Back in the middle of the 3-4 are starters Rolando McClain and Dont'a Hightower. McClain, who led last year's defense with 95 tackles, was a Freshman All-American in 2007 and Hightower followed in his footsteps by earning that distinction in 2008. Hightower was fourth on the team with 64 tackles in his first year. On the outside, Cory Reamer started 11 games at SAM and Brandon Fanney totaled 14 starts on the other side at JACK. Fanney was third behind McClain and Johnson in terms of tackles (66) and also had 9.0 tackles for loss. Pushing that group of returnees at the linebacker position will be Jerrell Harris, Chavis Williams, Prince Hall, Charlie Higgenbotham, Chris Jordan and Courtney Upshaw.

In the secondary, back are starters Javier Arenas and Kareem Jackson at corner as well as Justin Woodall at strong safety. Johnson's starting free safety job will be up for grabs. Arenas started all 14 games in addition to his return duties while Jackson has been in the starting lineup for the last two seasons. Woodall was second on the team in interceptions with four and also forced a pair of fumbles in his first year as a starter. Cornerbacks Marquis Johnson, Chris Rogers and Robby Green saw a good deal of time last season as did safeties Ali Sharrief, Tyrone King and Mark Barron.

The specialists are back across the board for the Crimson Tide. Leigh Tiffin and P.J. Fitzgerald had good seasons at placekicker and punter, respectively while deep snapper Brian Selman was a consistent performer. Arenas is one of the most dangerous returners in the country on both punts and kickoffs and had three punt returns for scores in 2008, including a TD in the Sugar Bowl.

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YOUR WOMEN'S TEAM IS INCREDIBLY TALENTED FROM TOP TO BOTTOM AND ENDED THE FALL 2008 SEMESTER WITH A TOP 5 RANKING. DO YOU THINK THIS IS THE DEEPEST TEAM YOU'VE HAD ENTERING YOUR FOURTH YEAR AT ALABAMA?

"This is probably the deepest team that I have had in 27 years of coaching women's golf. The only team that I have had that could compare is my 1987 team that lost the national championship by one shot. The fact that the player with our fifth-lowest scoring average has our lowest individual round of the year by two shots speaks volumes. That same player also has a tournament victory to her credit."

THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF TEAMS PRACTICE AT THE OL' COLONY GOLF COMPLEX. OPENED IN 2004, HOW DOES THE JERRY PATE GOLF CENTER LOCATED AT OL' COLONY, ASSIST IN RECRUITING EFFORTS?

"The Jerry Pate Center is the cornerstone of our recruiting effort when it comes to facilities. The building itself is inviting and beautiful. It serves as our locker room and meeting place, and there are very few shots that can't be practiced on the training ground itself."

JERRY PATE GOLF CENTER

HOW DO YOU THINK THE SEC WILL SHAPE UP THIS YEAR?

"The SEC is the most talented conference in the nation, in terms of depth. The Pac-10 may be better in the first two spots, but no conference goes deeper than ours. We are currently the top-ranked team in the SEC (in national rankings) at number 5, but Auburn and Florida have both added players this semester, which will make both programs more competitive. Georgia, Vanderbilt, LSU, Arkansas, and Tennessee are always competitive, and South Carolina will be on their home course for the SEC Championship, so the competition will be intense. Our goal will be to play one shot at a time in the SEC Championship, and hope to be there with a chance to win at the end."

WITH THREE STRAIGHT NCAA APPEARANCES, WHAT IS A REALISTIC GOAL FOR YOUR TEAM AT THIS YEAR'S NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS?

"Of course, we need to be focused on advancing through the NCAA Regional before we think about the national championships, but I do feel that this team has the potential to achieve the best finish in Alabama history, which was a ninth-place finish in 1987. We were able to finish the 2008 Championships in 12th place, so we hope to build on that experience."

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE GOLF COURSE THAT YOU HAVE PLAYED?

"My favorite has to be Pebble Beach, followed closely be Oakmont, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Muirfield Village, Jack Nicklaus's course in Dublin, Ohio, and Cypress Point, on the Monterey Peninsula in California."

MIC POTTER
WOMEN'S GOLF COACH

WITH A NO. 3 RANKING IN THE GOLF WORLD/NIKE COACHES' POLL AT THE END OF THE FALL 2008 SEMESTER, DID YOU EXPECT THE FRESHMAN CLASS TO PLAY THIS WELL THIS FAST?

"I knew we had the talent to be good but, honestly, I thought it would be late spring before they (freshman) began to be comfortable. The freshmen have done a great job early and I am excited to see how they play this spring."

FRESHMAN BUD CAULEY

HOW DOES MICHAEL THOMPSON'S SUCCESS LAST YEAR HELP IN RECRUITING?

"Michael's appearances in the Masters and U.S. Open gave our program and the University of Alabama great exposure. I believe many young golfers saw him and the Alabama hat, shirt, and bag, and saw that Alabama golf can produce top golfers. So it has to help down the road and already is helping."

AS THE REIGNING SEC CHAMPIONS, HOW DO YOU THINK THE SEC WILL SHAPE UP THIS YEAR?

"The SEC is always the strongest conference from top to bottom. That is true once again this year. We currently have three schools ranked in the top five with Georgia the No. 1-ranked team in the country. The SEC Championships promises to be another great test and there are as many as eight teams that could win the championship. Georgia will be the favorite, but I look forward to the opportunity to defend our title."

WHAT IS A REALISTIC GOAL FOR YOUR TEAM AT THIS YEAR'S NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS?

"I believe that by the end of the spring this team can be as good as last year's team. We will start at least three freshmen every week, so we are young, but by the end of the spring I think their experience will match their talent. I believe we can contend for the NCAA title. That is our goal and the student-athletes believe if they work hard we can achieve this."

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE GOLF COURSE THAT YOU HAVE PLAYED?

"That is an easy answer. Being from Augusta, I have had the opportunity to play the Augusta National eight times, and there is no better golf experience."

JAY SEAWELL
MEN'S GOLF COACH

09 SCHEDULES

BASEBALL

WHATABURGER COLLEGE CLASSIC

03.05.09	at Texas A&M Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi, Texas	6:00 p.m. CT
03.06.09	vs. Texas-Pan American	Corpus Christi, Texas	6:00 p.m. CT
03.07.09	vs. Texas A&M Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi, Texas	5:00 p.m. CT
03.10.09	vs. Auburn	Montgomery (Riverwalk Stadium)	6:30 p.m. CT
03.11.09	**vs. Samford**	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**6:35 p.m. CT**
03.13.09	**vs. Georgia ***	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**6:35 p.m. CT**
03.14.09	**vs. Georgia ***	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**4:05 p.m. CT**
03.15.09	**vs. Georgia ***	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**2:05 p.m. CT**
03.17.09	**vs. Alabama A&M**	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**6:35 p.m. CT**
03.18.09	**vs. Alabama A&M**	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**2:05 p.m. CT**
03.20.09	at Mississippi *	Oxford, Miss.	6:30 p.m. CT
03.21.09	at Mississippi *	Oxford, Miss.	1:30 p.m. CT
03.22.09	at Mississippi *	Oxford, Miss.	1:30 p.m. CT
03.24.09	**vs. UAB**	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**6:35 p.m. CT**
03.25.09	at UAB	Hoover (Regions Park)	6:30 p.m. CT
03.27.09	at Florida *	Gainesville, Fla.	5:30 p.m. CT
03.28.09	at Florida *	Gainesville, Fla.	3:00 p.m. CT
03.29.09	at Florida *	Gainesville, Fla.	12:00 p.m. CT
04.01.09	**vs. Mississippi Valley State**	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**6:35 p.m. CT**
04.03.09	**vs. Tennessee ***	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**6:35 p.m. CT**
04.04.09	**vs. Tennessee ***	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**4:05 p.m. CT**
04.05.09	**vs. Tennessee ***	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**2:05 p.m. CT**
04.07.09	**vs. Troy**	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**6:35 p.m. CT**
04.10.09	**vs. LSU ***	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**6:35 p.m. CT**
04.11.09	**vs. LSU ***	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**4:05 p.m. CT**
04.12.09	**vs. LSU ***	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**2:05 p.m. CT**
04.14.09	**vs. Mississippi Valley State**	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**6:35 p.m. CT**
04.15.09	at Samford	Birmingham, Ala.	6:30 p.m. CT
04.17.09	at Vanderbilt *	Nashville, Tenn.	6:00 p.m. CT
04.18.09	at Vanderbilt *	Nashville, Tenn.	3:00 p.m. CT
04.19.09	at Vanderbilt *	Nashville, Tenn.	1:00 p.m. CT
04.22.09	at South Alabama	Mobile, Ala.	6:00 p.m. CT
04.24.09	**vs. Kentucky ***	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**6:35 p.m. CT**
04.25.09	**vs. Kentucky ***	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**4:05 p.m. CT**
04.26.09	**vs. Kentucky ***	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**2:05 p.m. CT**
04.29.09	**vs. South Alabama**	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**6:35 p.m. CT**
05.01.09	at Mississippi State *	Starkville, Miss.	6:30 p.m. CT
05.02.09	at Mississippi State *	Starkville, Miss.	6:30 p.m. CT
05.03.09	at Mississippi State *	Starkville, Miss.	1:30 p.m. CT
05.08.09	**vs. Arkansas ***	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**6:35 p.m. CT**
05.09.09	**vs. Arkansas ***	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**4:05 p.m. CT**
05.10.09	**vs. Arkansas ***	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**2:05 p.m. CT**
05.14.09	at Auburn *	Auburn, Ala.	6:00 p.m. CT
05.15.09	at Auburn *	Auburn, Ala.	6:00 p.m. CT
05.16.09	at Auburn *	Auburn, Ala.	3:00 p.m. CT
05.20.09	**SEC Tournament**	**Hoover, Ala.**	**TBA**
05.29.09	**NCAA Regionals**	**Campus Sites**	**TBA**
06.05.09	**NCAA Super Regionals**	**Campus Sites**	**TBA**
06.13.09	**College World Series**	**Omaha, Neb.**	**TBA**
06.22.09	**CWS Super Series**	**Omaha, Neb.**	**TBA**

*denotes SEC game

BASEBALL TICKET OFFERS

BASEBALL SEASON TICKETS

Alabama Baseball tries to accommodate its diverse fan base by offering several different ticket options and promotions. As they have always been, season tickets are the best way to insure that you can reserve the best seats in the stadium all season long. Your season long support of our Alabama student-athletes is greatly appreciated.

- **Lower Chair - $125**
- **Upper Chair - $100**
- **Faculty/Staff - $72**
- **Grandstand - $75**
- **Grandstand Group - $56.25**
- **Senior - $48**

BIRTHDAY AT "THE JOE"

What can be better than celebrating your birthday at "The Joe"? How about celebrating it with 14 of your closest friends, having food delivered to your party, receiving a baseball autographed by the Alabama Baseball Team, meeting Head Coach Jim Wells, having your name put on the video board along with a public address announcement and receiving a 2009 Alabama Baseball T-Shirt? The entire package is only $140 but there is limited availability and first-come-first-served. Call 205-348-9691 to reserve your Birthday at "The Joe" today.

PICK TEN $30

If you are an Alabama Baseball fan that loves Tide but just has a hectic schedule, this is the perfect ticket package for you. You get to decide which weekend series games you can attend. That's correct; you get to pick any ten weekend games that you would like.

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

It seems like everything is getting more expensive these days but not Alabama Baseball. Our individual game tickets are still very affordable. Adult tickets are just $5, youth tickets are only $3 and weekday tickets are only $1 for everybody.

GROUP TICKETS

Would your group of 20 or more like to attend a baseball game? The Alabama Baseball Team would love to have you and will give you discounted tickets. This is a great way to treat your employees, club mixers, or a night out with friends. Call 205-348-2612 for more details.

SOFTBALL

EASTON SEC/PAC-10/BIG 12 CHALLENGE (MARCH 6-8) — Tuscaloosa, Ala.

03.10.09	**vs. UAB**	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**6:30 p.m. CT**
03.12.09	**vs. Mississippi Valley State**	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**6:30 p.m. CT**
03.14.09	**vs. Mississippi State* (DH)**	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**1:00 p.m. CT**
03.15.09	**vs. Mississippi State***	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**1:30 p.m. CT**
03.18.09	at LSU* (DH)	Baton Rouge, La.	5:00 p.m. CT
03.21.09	at Mississippi* (DH)	Oxford, Miss.	1:00 p.m. CT
03.22.09	at Mississippi*	Oxford, Miss.	1:00 p.m. CT
03.25.09	**vs. Samford**	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**6:30 p.m. CT**
03.28.09	at Florida* (DH)	Gainesville, Fla.	2:30 p.m. CT
03.29.09	at Florida*	Gainesville, Fla.	1:00 p.m. CT
04.01.09	**vs. Troy**	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**6:00 p.m. CT**
04.04.09	**vs. Georgia* (DH)**	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**1:00 p.m. CT**
04.05.09	**vs. Georgia***	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**1:30 p.m. CT**
04.10.09	at South Carolina* (DH)	Columbia, SC	5:00 p.m. ET
04.11.09	at South Carolina*	Columbia, SC	2:00 p.m. ET
04.14.09	**vs. Kentucky* (DH)**	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**3:00 p.m. CT**
04.18.09	**vs. Arkansas* (DH)**	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**1:00 p.m. CT**
04.19.09	**vs. Arkansas***	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**1:30 p.m. CT**
04.22.09	at Georgia Tech	Atlanta, Ga.	6:00 p.m. ET
04.25.09	**vs. Auburn* (DH)**	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**1:00 p.m. CT**
04.26.09	**vs. Auburn***	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**1:30 p.m. CT**
05.01.09	at Tennessee*	Knoxville, Tenn.	6:00 p.m. CT
05/02.09	at Tennessee* (DH)	Knoxville, Tenn.	1:00 p.m. CT
05.07.09	**at SEC Tournament**	**Knoxville, Tenn.**	**TBA**
05.15.09	**at NCAA Regionals**	**TBA**	**TBA**
05.22.09	**vs. NCAA Super Regionals**	**TBA**	**TBA**
05.28.09	**vs. WCWS**	**Oklahoma City, OK**	**TBA**

*denotes SEC game

(DH) denotes a double-header

GYMNASTICS

03.06.09	STANFORD	TUSCALOOSA, ALA.	7:30 P.M. CT
03.13.09	OKLAHOMA & UNC	TUSCALOOSA, ALA.	7:30 P.M. CT
03.21.09	SEC CHAMPIONSHIPS	NASHVILLE, TENN.	5:00 P.M. ET

NCAA NORTHEAST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

04.04.09	TBA	TUSCALOOSA, ALA.	6:00 P.M. CT

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

04.16.09	NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS - TEAM PRELIMINARIES	LINCOLN, NEB.	TBA
04.17.09	NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS - SUPER SIX TEAM FINALS	LINCOLN, NEB.	TBA
04.18.09	NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS - INDIVIDUAL EVENT FINALS	LINCOLN, NEB.	TBA

MARCH PROMOTIONS

GYMNASTICS

ALABAMA VS. STANFORD
MARCH 6TH AT 7:30 PM

"DR. SEUSS BIRTHDAY AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT"

Tuscaloosa City and County A/B Honor Roll students will receive admission for two to this meet. Students will receive their vouchers from their teachers and will need to take the

ALABAMA VS.
OKLAHOMA & NORTH CAROLINA
MARCH 13TH AT 7:30 PM

"SENIOR NIGHT"

Area Youth Groups will receive free admission plus one guest to the meet. For more information, please email uamarketing@ia.ua.edu.

SOFTBALL

ALABAMA VS. MISSISSIPPI STATE
MARCH 14TH AT 1:00 PM

"KELLIE EUBANKS DAY"

ALABAMA VS. MISSISSIPPI STATE
MARCH 15TH AT 1:30 PM

"ASHLEY HOLCOMBE DAY"

ALABAMA VS. GEORGIA
APRIL 4TH AT 1:00 PM

"BRITTANY ROGERS DAY"

ALABAMA VS. GEORGIA
APRIL 5TH AT 1:30 PM

"LAUREN PARKER DAY"

DO'S & DON'TS

The Alabama Compliance Office often gets variations of the following question from boosters: "What kind of things may I do for or with prospects?" Each situation is often dependent on the specific facts presented, and the best course of action is to continue to contact the Compliance office with questions. With that in mind, **here are some basic rules of thumb.**

BOOSTERS ARE NOT ALLOWED...

- to contact a prospect in an attempt to recruit or encourage attendance at Alabama. This includes telephone calls, letters, emails, and facsimiles, along with any face-to-face contact on or off the Alabama campus
- to post messages on a prospects website (MySpace, Facebook or other similar sites) encouraging attendance at Alabama.
- to invite a prospect or prospects family to any booster function or alumni event.
- to provide a prospect or the prospect's family with free or reduced rate transportation, meals, lodging, gifts, entertainment or expenses for any type of service.
- to make contact with a prospective student-athlete or his/her parents when the prospect is on campus for official or unofficial recruiting visits (e.g inviting them to a tailgate party).
- to contact a prospect to congratulate him/her on signing a National Letter of Intent to attend Alabama.
- to obtain film/videotape or transcripts from a prospect's educational institution in an effort to evaluate the prospect's academic eligibility or athletic ability.
- to employ or arrange for employment of a prospect before the completion of the prospects senior year of high school. After graduation, a booster may employ a prospect as long as the compensation is for work actually performed and at the going rate and the rate is commensurate with experience.
- to arrange for money or any other benefit to be funneled to a prospect's coach, school, teachers, non-scholastic team, or other persons involved with the recruitment of the prospect for the purpose of encouraging a prospect to attend Alabama.

BOOSTERS ARE ALLOWED...

- to send information (news articles, game programs) concerning a prospect to the appropriate coaching staff.
- to attend a high school or community college event, provided they do not contact prospective student-athletes or their families, coaches, counselors, or high school administrators in an attempt to recruit the prospect.
- to continue pre-established friendships with prospects, their parents and relatives provided that the contact with these individuals is not arranged by Alabama coaching staff members, nor is the contact an attempt to recruit the prospect.
- to attend public events (banquets, fundraisers, or dinners) at which prospects are in attendance. However, NO contact or attempt should be made to recruit the prospect, including contact with the prospects parents or coaches.